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Mr. Pat Miller
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re. Counce Natural Gas Company/Rate Increase
Cause No. 04-00037

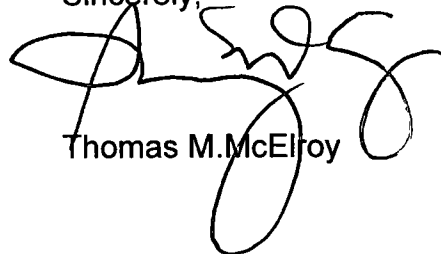
Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed please find one (1) original and thirteen (13) copies of an Application to Appear Pro Hac Vice.

Also enclosed is an additional copy of this document to be "Filed Stamped" for our records.

If you have further questions or need additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. McElroy

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF COUNCE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS RATES

DOCKET NO. 04-00037

APPLICATION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee, Thomas M. McElroy, attorney for Counce Natural Gas Company, hereby makes application for permission to appear and to participate in the above referenced case on behalf of Counce Natural Gas Company and in support of his application states as follows:

- 1 The undersigned, Thomas M. McElroy, has a residence address of 1295 Quail Creek Cove, Tupelo, MS 38801 and a business address of 301 North Broadway, Tupelo, MS 38802
2. The undersigned has entered an appearance on behalf of Counce Natural Gas Company in the above referenced matter.
- 3 The undersigned is currently licensed, is in good standing, and is admitted to practice in the State of Mississippi, (State Bar No 2543) and there is not, nor has there ever been, any disciplinary action or investigation of Mr. McElroy's conduct.
- 4 The undersigned agrees to subject himself to the jurisdiction of the Authority in any manner arising out of his conduct in such proceedings and agrees to

be bound by the rules governing the conduct of attorneys appearing before
this Authority.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned requests that he be admitted *pro hac vice* to
appear and participate in the above-styled case of behalf of Counce Natural Gas
Company.



THOMAS M. MCELROY

Sworn and subscribed before me
this ____ day of July, 2004

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____